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A Note From Pastor Andrew

A lot has happened this last week. It was our last week at 148 Maple Grove Rd. This chapter in the life of CTK came to an end and a new one began as we came together on December 2nd to have our first Advent worship in our new home. We have been, and still are, on quite a journey. If you were to ask me if when I came here nearly three years ago if I was prepared to move the church twice, I would have obviously said, no. Honestly, I wish we didn't have to worry about such things, let such things, get in our way of being what we are called to be, a church, a place where the gospel is heard, taught, and lived. I wish instead of being concerned about what we need to downsize on, we were instead discussing how we could finally find ourselves at the end of our wandering in the wilderness, and arriving at the Promised Land, our own permanent church building. Yet, it appears God has more work for us to do.

We start a new chapter, and as I've said in past e-news articles and in conversations our focus must now be how we get "back on track." How we rediscover our mission as a church body, as individuals, that must come together as one. A church body that must move forward as one. I'm not going to lie, it's scary. The future is shrouded in mystery and that can be very scary, but united and focused on what matters we move forward in the light of God. God is with us!!! We must not deny this fact. Isn't it ironic that our move, our refocus, our future plans all are happening at this time? Here we are at the beginning of the church year, in the season of Advent, the season of waiting, and all of these new things are taking place. Here we are in this season of promised new beginnings and we start this new chapter. I'm frightened yet faith inspired because surely God has a plan for us...I just wish at times He'd share a little more with us...

A lot happening this week and in the weeks to come. I am honored to move forward with you all in this adventure. In fact what a wonderful time to invite another into worship, or just to see our new space. Now's that time to tell the world about CTK. Just imagine if each of us looked to make one connection, one invite, to one person or family in the coming month or year. How awesome would that be? See you this Sunday at 911 Baldwin.

God's Peace,

Pastor Andrew

Announcements

Church Council

The next Church Council meeting is Sunday, December 20, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. (or immediately following worship). We meet the third Sunday of every month. Anyone is welcome to attend.

Lunch with Santa

Please join us on Saturday, December 12 at 12:00 noon for lunch with Santa. Invite friends and family. Everyone is welcome. Please sign up on the bulletin board.

Holiday Depot Families

Once again CTK will be adopting three families for Christmas through the Lapeer Holiday Depot program.

Our giving tree is up in the multipurpose room. Gifts need to be wrapped and returned to CTK with the gift tag ornament attached by Sunday, December 20.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Poinsettias for Christmas

Poinsettias are \$10.00 each and are available in red or white. Please order before December 16. Make checks payable to "Christ the King" and indicate "poinsettia" in the memo line. Poinsettias will be in church for Dec. 20-Christmas Eve. Please sign up on bulletin board

CTK Teams

All our Team meetings are open to everyone. Please stop in and see what we are doing.

Marketing and Publicity Team

Next meeting is December 3 at 7:15 p.m. We meet the first Thursday of every month.

Fellowship Team

Next meeting is on December 13 at 9:30 a.m. We meet the second Sunday of every month

Outreach Team

Next meeting is December 10 at 7:15 p.m. We meet the second Thursday of every month.

Worship Team

Our next meeting is December 17 (one week early because of Christmas) at 5:45 p.m. We meet the fourth Thursday of every month.

CTK Small Groups

Women's Bible Study

Women's Bible study will meet at Nora's house on December 16 at 1:00 pm.

Sowing Threads of Fellowship

We will be meeting on Tuesday, January 4 at 7:00 p.m. Sowing Threads of Fellowship meets the first Tuesday of each month in people's homes. We will meet at Nora's home. We welcome new people to join us. Bring your sewing and enjoy fellowship with others!!

Women's Group

Women's group meets the second Tuesday of each month at 6:00 pm at CTK. We share a meal together, share stories and laughter. Come and join us! For December we will meet at The White Horse Inn at 6:00 p.m. on December 8. Please sign up on the bulletin board or respond to this email so we know how many to make reservations for.

Schedule of Events

Thursday, December 3

6:30 pm River of Hope Worship at 911 Baldwin Road

7:15 pm Marketing and Publicity Team meeting

Sunday, December 6

8:45 am Pancake Breakfast

10:00 am Worship at 911 Baldwin Road

11:00 am Fellowship Time

Tuesday, December 8

6:00 pm Women's group* at White Horse Inn, Metamora

Wednesday, December 9

6:30 pm Advent Worship

Thursday, December 10

6:30 pm River of Hope Worship

7:15 pm Outreach Team meeting

Saturday, December 12

12:00 pm Lunch with Santa

Sunday, December 13

9:30 am Fellowship Team meeting

10:00 am Worship

11:00 am Fellowship Time